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**CIVIL COVER SHEET** **APPENDIX H**

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law except as provided by the rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

|  |   |  |   |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| <b>I. (a) PLAINTIFFS</b>   |   | <b>DEFENDANTS</b>  |   |   |  |   |
| Anthony DiMeo, III   |   | Tucker Max   |   |   |  |   |
| (b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff <u>Philadelphia, PA</u><br>(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASE)   |   | County of Residence of First Listed _____<br>(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASE ONLY)   |   |   |  |   |
| (c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number)<br>Matthew Weisberg, Esquire<br>Prochniak Poet & Weisberg, P.C.<br>7 South Morton Avenue<br>Morton, PA 19070<br>(610) 690-0801   |   | Attorneys (If Known)<br>Michael K. Twersky, Esquire<br>Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP<br>123 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19109<br>215-772-1500  |   |   |  |   |
| <b>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION</b> (Place an X in one box only)  |   | <b>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES</b> (Place an "X" in<br>(For Diversity Cases Only) (one box for plaintiff and one box for<br>defendant)   |   |   |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff<br><input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant   |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4. Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)  |   |   |  |   |
|  |   | PTF  | DEF   |   |  |   |
|  |   | PTF  | DEF   |   |  |   |
|  |   | Citizen of this State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>   |   |   |  |   |
|  |   | Citizen of Another State <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>  |   |   |  |   |
|  |   | Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Nation <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>   |   |   |  |   |
| <b>IV. NATURE OF SUIT</b> (Place an X in one box only.)  |   |  |   |   |  |   |
| <b>CONTRACT</b>  | <b>TORTS</b>  |  | <b>BANKRUPTCY</b>   | <b>OTHER STATUTES</b>   |  |   |
|  | <b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>  | <b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>   |   |   |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance<br><input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine<br><input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument<br><input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment<br><input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits<br><input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits<br><input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract<br><input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise | <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane<br><input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander<br><input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine Product Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle<br><input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury | <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Med Malpractice<br><input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud<br><input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending<br><input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damages<br><input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability | <input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture<br><input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug<br><input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881<br><input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws<br><input type="checkbox"/> 640 RR & Truck<br><input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs<br><input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health<br><input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other | <input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158<br><input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157  | <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reappointment<br><input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust<br><input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking<br><input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc.<br><input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation<br><input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations<br><input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service<br><input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Comm<br><input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenger 12 USC 3410<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions |   |
| <b>REAL PROPERTY</b>   | <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>   | <b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b>  | <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b>  |   |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation<br><input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure<br><input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment<br><input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land<br><input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability<br><input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property   | <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting<br><input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment<br><input type="checkbox"/> 443<br><input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare<br><input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights   | <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence<br><input type="checkbox"/> 530 Habeas Corpus<br><input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other<br><input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights  | <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations<br><input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation<br><input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. inc. Security Act  | <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights<br><input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent<br><input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark  | <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))<br><input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSFD Title XVI<br><input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g))  | <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agriculture Acts<br><input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters<br><input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act |
| <b>V. ORIGIN</b>   |   |  | <b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>  |   |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Original Proceeding<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Removed from State Court<br><input type="checkbox"/> 3. Remanded from Appellate Court<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4. Reinstated or Reopened<br><input type="checkbox"/> 5. Transferred from another district (specify) _____   |   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations<br><input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation<br><input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. inc. Security Act  | <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)<br><input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))<br><input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSFD Title XVI<br><input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) | <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agriculture Acts<br><input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters<br><input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act<br><input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act  | <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice<br><input type="checkbox"/> 940 Constitutionality of State Statutes<br><input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions  |
| <b>VI. CAUSE OF ACTION</b>   |   | Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):<br>47 U.S.C. § 223(a)(1)(c) (Communications Act of 1943)  |   |   |  |   |
|  |   | Brief statement of cause. Violation of statute through hosting, maintenance and publication of statements on Internet website without disclosing identity of the author of statements.   |   |   |  |   |
| <b>VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT</b>   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this is a CLASS ACTION under F.R.C.P. 23   |   | DEMAND \$ in excess of \$1,000,000  | Check YES only if demanded in complaint<br>JURY DEMAND: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO  |   |
| <b>VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY</b>  |   | (See instructions)   |   | JUDGE _____   | DOCKET NUMBER _____  |   |
| DATE: April 12, 2006   |   | SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD:    |   |   |  |   |
| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY  |   |  |   |   |  |   |
| RECEIPT # _____  |   | AMOUNT _____   |   | APPLYING IPP _____  | JUDGE _____  | MAG JUDGE _____   |

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS-44

## Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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**I. (a) Plaintiffs - Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a Government Agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

**(b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved).

**(c) Attorneys.** Enter firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney or record. If there are several attorneys list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

**II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8 (a), F.R.C.P. which requires that jurisdiction be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction is based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an X in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331 where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, and act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332 where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below.) (Federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

**III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS-44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

**IV. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause.

**V. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of description, in Section IV above, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

**VI. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded for Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate's decision.

**VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

**VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS-44 is used to reference relating pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

**Date and Attorney Signature.** Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

**APPENDIX I**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM**

Anthony DiMeo, III,

Plaintiff, : CIVIL ACTION

vs. :

Tucker Max,

Defendants. :

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a case management track designation form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

**SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:**

- (a) Habeas Corpus – Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. §2441 through \$2255. ( )
- (b) Social Security – Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits. ( )
- (c) Arbitration – Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2. ( )
- (d) Asbestos – Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos. ( )
- (e) Special Management – Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.) ( )
- (f) Standard Management – Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks. (X)

April 12, 2006  
Date

Michael K. Twersky (PA ID No. 80568)  
Attorney-at-law

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Fax Number

mtwersky@mmwr.com  
E-Mail Address

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

**ANTHONY DIMEO, III,** :  
:  
**Plaintiff,** :  
: **No. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**v.** :  
:  
**TUCKER MAX** :  
:  
**Defendant.** :

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

Defendant Tucker Max hereby gives Notice of Removal of this action from the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, in which it is now pending, to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The grounds for removal are as follows:

1. On or about March 10, 2006 plaintiff Anthony DiMeo, III filed a Civil Action Complaint in the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania naming Mr. Max as the sole defendant. *See Exhibit A, Complaint.*
2. On March 22, 2006, Mr. Max's counsel agreed to accept service of the Complaint on his behalf.
3. On March 23, 2006, plaintiff's counsel forwarded the Complaint, by electronic mail, to Mr. Max's counsel. Thus, this Notice of Removal is timely filed under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b), as it is filed within thirty (30) days of service of the Complaint.
4. In his Complaint, plaintiff avers that he is a resident citizen of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Exhibit A, Complaint at ¶1.
5. Mr. Max is a resident citizen of New York County, New York. *Id.* at ¶2.
6. Therefore, plaintiff and defendant are citizens of different states.

7. Plaintiff's Complaint contains three separate Counts, the second of which is for alleged violations of the "Communications Act of 1943 (47 U.S.C. § 223(a)(1)(c))." *Id.* at ¶¶13-14.

8. Plaintiff further alleges that the amount in controversy is "in excess of \$75,000," and he is seeking \$1 million in punitive damages. *Id.* at ¶¶12, 14 and 18 ("WHEREFORE" clauses).

9. Because the parties are of completely diverse citizenship, and the amount in controversy is in excess of \$75,000, this Court has original jurisdiction of this action under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), and the action is removable pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).

10. In addition, because plaintiff has alleged violations of the Communications Act of 1943, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 223(a)(1)(c)), removal of this case also is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, and this court should exercise supplemental jurisdiction over plaintiffs' state law tort claims, as they form part of the same case or controversy as the federal claim. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

WHEREFORE, defendant Tucker Max hereby gives notice of removal of this action from the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Dated: April 12, 2006



Michael K. Twersky, (PA Atty. I.D. 80568)  
 Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP  
 123 South Broad Street  
 Philadelphia, PA 19109  
 215-772-1500 (Telephone)  
 215-731-3663 (Facsimile)

Attorney for Defendant  
 Tucker Max

# **Exhibit A**

## Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County

Trial Division

## Civil Cover Sheet

|   |  |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| PLAINTIFF'S NAME<br><i>Anthony Di Neo</i>   |  | DEFENDANT'S NAME<br><i>Tucker Max</i> <b>001576</b>  |  |   |
| PLAINTIFF'S ADDRESS<br>226 West Rittenhouse square<br>Philadelphia, PA 19103  |  | DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS<br>143 Madison Ave<br>New York, NY 10016   |  |   |
| PLAINTIFF'S NAME  |  | DEFENDANT'S NAME   |  |   |
| PLAINTIFF'S ADDRESS   |  | DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS  |  |   |
| PLAINTIFF'S NAME  |  | DEFENDANT'S NAME   |  |   |
| PLAINTIFF'S ADDRESS   |  | DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS  |  |   |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF PLAINTIFFS<br><i>1</i>  | TOTAL NO. OF DEFENDANTS<br><i>1</i>      | COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION   |  |   |
|   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complaint  | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition Action                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Appeal                           |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Writ of Summons   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer From Other Jurisdictions |   |
| AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY   | COURT PROGRAMS                           |  |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000.00 or less  | <input type="checkbox"/> Arbitration     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mass Tort   | <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More than \$50,000.00   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jury | <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Action  | <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Court Appeal                | <input type="checkbox"/> Minors                                     |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Jury        | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition  | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Appeals                 | <input type="checkbox"/> W/D/Survival                               |
| CASE TYPE AND CODE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)   |  |  |  |   |
| <i>CIVIL Action Complaint - 2L - L.31 e Slander</i>   |  |  |  |   |
| STATUTORY BASIS FOR CAUSE OF ACTION (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  |  |  |  |   |
| RELATED PENDING CASES (LIST BY CASE CAPTION AND DOCKET NUMBER)  |  |  |  | IS CASE SUBJECT TO COORDINATION ORDER?                              |
|   |  |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
|   |  |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/>  |
|   |  |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/>  |
|   |  |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| TO THE PROTHONOTARY:<br>Kindly enter my appearance on behalf of Plaintiff/Petitioner/Appellant:<br>Papers may be served at the address set forth below. |  |  |  |   |
| NAME OF PLAINTIFF'S/PETITIONER'S/APPELLANT'S ATTORNEY<br><i>Matthew Weisberg</i>  |  | ADDRESS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)<br><i>Prochniak Poet &amp; Weisberg, P.C.<br/>7 S. Morton Ave.<br/>Morton, PA 19070</i> |  |   |
| PHONE NUMBER<br><i>610-690-0801</i>   | FAX NUMBER<br><i>610-690-7401</i>        | E-MAIL ADDRESS<br><i>Mweisberg@ppwlaw.com</i>  |  |   |
| SUPREME COURT IDENTIFICATION NO.<br><i>85570</i>  |  | DATE<br><i>2/21/06</i>   |  |   |
| SIGNATURE<br><i>MMW</i>   |  |  |  |   |

THIS IS A MAJOR JURY MATTER.  
ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES REQUIRED.

PROCHNIAK POET & WEISBERG, P.C.  
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ANTHONY DIMEO, III  
226 WEST RITTENHOUSE SQUARE  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

v.

TUCKER MAX  
143 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10016

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF *JURY FEE PAID*

MAR 10 2006

LAURA PAONE

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

TERM, 2006 *MARCH 2006*  
NO.

001576

*CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT*  
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NOTICE

You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

*You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.*

AVISO

Le han demandado a usted en la corte. Si usted quiere defendarse de estas demandas expuestas en las páginas siguientes, usted tiene veinte (20) días de plazo al partir de la fecha de la demanda y la notificación. Hace falta asentir una comparecencia escrita o en persona o con un abogado y entregar a la corte en forma escrita sus defensas o sus objeciones a las demandas en contra de su persona. Sea avisado que si usted no se defiende, la corte tomará medidas y puede continuar la demanda en contra suya sin previo aviso o notificación. Además, la corte puede decidir a favor del demandante y requiere que usted cumpla con todas las provisiones de esta demanda. Usted puede perder dinero o sus propiedades u otros derechos importantes para usted.

*Lleve este demanda a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no tiene abogado o si no tiene el dinero suficiente de pagar tal servicio. Vaya en persona o llame por teléfono a la oficina cuya dirección se encuentra escrita abajo para averiguar donde se puede conseguir asistencia legal.*

Philadelphia Bar Association  
Lawyer Referral  
and Information Service  
One Reading Center  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107  
(215) 238-6333  
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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

v.

TERM, 2006

NO.

TUCKER MAX  
143 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10016

**CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT**  
**2L - LIBEL**

1. Plaintiff, Anthony DiMeo, III (hereinafter "DiMeo"), is an individual currently residing at the above captioned address.
2. Defendant, Tucker Max ("Max"), is an individual maintaining a principal place of business at the above captioned address.
3. Defendant does business, advertises and publishes a web site directed towards the City and County of Philadelphia and/or residents therein, including Defendant, which is hereinafter more fully described.
4. At all times material, Defendant maintained, hosted and published a web-site: [www.tuckermax.com](http://www.tuckermax.com) ("Site"), more fully described at length herein.
5. Defendant through his Site publishes defamatory statements aimed at Plaintiff, including, but not limited to:

- a. " Maybe you should find your validation elsewhere...preferably at the end of a magnum"
- b. "I just wanted to let you know that I think that you are the biggest piece of shit I have ever heard of and I hope that you die soon";
- c. " Now I know why Arlen Specter got invited to all those Renamity [Http://www.renamity.com/gallery/birthdaybash/escf0009](http://www.renamity.com/gallery/birthdaybash/escf0009) parties! Could it be...bribery of your local politician";
- d. "He's got a neat, nice little page there from which we can harass him";
- e. "I can't believe no one has killed him yet";
- f. "You threw an absolutely disastrous party on New Year's Eve precipitated by false advertising and possible fraud"; and
- g. Such other and further libelous statements published on the Site and will likely be published on said site, which are herewith incorporated by reference as if fully set forth at length herein as if originally pleaded herein, as may be discovered throughout ongoing discovery and/or at trial.

6. At all times material, Defendant negligently, carelessly, recklessly and/or intentionally published said libelous statements with a view towards:
  - a. Reducing and/or impeding Plaintiff's commercial success and profitability;
  - b. Harassing, threatening, and annoying Plaintiff;
  - c. Personally and financially injuring Plaintiff;
  - d. Inciting violence and criminal misconduct toward Plaintiff and Plaintiff's companies, firms, and businesses: DiMeo Farms, LLC., Renamity, Inc., and Wealth Management; and
  - e. Otherwise defaming Plaintiff.
7. At all times material, Plaintiff is a private person and not a public figure and is entitled to heightened protection from defamatory publications.

**COUNT I-DEFAMATION**

8. Paragraphs 1-7 above are incorporated by reference as if more fully set forth at length herein.
9. Defendant's Site constitutes a defamatory publication, actionable per se as libel per se and was and/or is published with express and actual malice with an intent to defame and/or libel Plaintiff.
10. The defamatory conduct of Defendant includes, but is not limited to:
  - a) Accusing Plaintiff of criminal conduct without investigating the truth or veracity thereof and with express malice and reckless disregard for the truth;
  - b) The continuing failure of Defendant to substantiate the published baseless allegations;
  - c) Knowing or should have known of the lack of veracity of the Site's aforementioned defamatory substance;
  - d) Publishing said defamatory accusations;
  - e) Misappropriating Plaintiff's personal likeness and web sites of his public relations firm, Renamity Public Relations & Special Events (<http://www.renamity.com>), his personal and Wealth Management web site (<http://www.anthonyDiMeo.com>), and the web site which details the legacy of his family farming operation, DiMeo Farms, LLC (<http://www.DiMeofarms.com>), or portions thereof with a view towards profit and/or commercial gain;
  - f) Casting Plaintiff in a false light;
  - g) Invading Plaintiff's privacy and/or inappropriately exposing Plaintiff's private life to public ridicule and scorn;
  - h) Inciting violence against Plaintiff;
  - i) Publishing with an intent to threaten, harass, humiliate and annoy Plaintiff;
  - j) Such other and further defamatory conduct as may be revealed throughout continuing discovery and/or at trial.

11. Defendant's misconduct as set forth at length above has severely injured Plaintiff in that it has tended to:
  - a) Blacken Plaintiff's reputation;
  - b) Expose Plaintiff to public hatred, contempt and ridicule;
  - c) Falsely ascribe to Plaintiff want of integrity and other characteristics incompatible with a faithful performance of his daily life, duties and occupation;
  - d) Injure him regarding his business and/or profession;
  - e) Cause Plaintiff severe emotional distress;
  - f) Cause Plaintiff severe financial hardship; and
  - f) Such other injuries as may be revealed throughout continuing discovery and/or at trial, all of which may be permanent and ongoing.
12. Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendant such damages as will compensate him for his aforementioned injuries, as well as punitive damages which will deter like future misconduct from Defendant.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff, Anthony DiMeo, III, demands judgment in his favor and against Defendant, Tucker Max, in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, together with attorneys fees, interest, costs and such other and further relief as this Honorable Court deems necessary and just, including punitive damages.

**COUNT II- VIOLATION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT, AS AMENDED**

13. Plaintiff incorporates by reference 1-12 as if the same were fully set forth at length herein.
14. At all times material, Defendant was and/or is in violation of the Communications Act of 1943 ("Communications Act") (47 U.S.C. 223(a)(1)(c)), as amended by the

Violence against Woman and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 ("The Act") (H.R. 3402-288§113), through the hosting, maintenance and publication of the aforesaid site, by transmitting via the internet the aforesaid defamatory publications without disclosing the identity of the maker thereof and/or for commercial purposes, with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten, or harass Plaintiff, and as such, Defendant is civilly liable to Plaintiff for same.

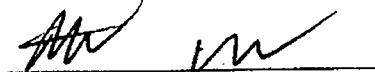
**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff, Anthony DiMeo, III, demands judgment in his favor and against Defendant, Tucker Max, in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, together with attorneys fees, interest, costs and such other and further relief as this Honorable Court deems necessary and just, including punitive damages.

### **COUNT III - PUNITIVE DAMAGES**

15. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-14 as if the same were fully set forth at length herein.
16. The actions and conduct set forth above of Defendant was extreme and outrageous and was done intentionally and/or recklessly and/or maliciously by said Defendant against Plaintiff.
17. Said actions and conduct was done with bad motive and in wanton, willful and reckless disregard for the rights of Plaintiff.
18. Plaintiff herewith avers that Punitive Damages are warranted by the aforesaid conduct and actions and as a result of the aforementioned conduct, which is herewith incorporated by reference.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff, Anthony DiMeo, III, demands judgment in his favor and against Defendant, Tucker Max, in an amount in excess of \$1 Million (\$1,000,000.00), together with attorneys fees, interest, costs and such other and further relief as this Honorable Court deems necessary and just.

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**MATTHEW B. WEISBERG, ESQUIRE**  
Attorney for Plaintiff

Date: 3/8/06

**VERIFICATION**

The facts contained in the foregoing are true based upon the signer's personal knowledge or information and belief. If the foregoing contains averments which are inconsistent in fact, signer has been unable, after reasonable investigation, to ascertain which of the inconsistent averments are true, but signer has knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief that one of them is true. The language of this pleading is that of counsel and not of signer. This verification is made subject to the penalties of 18 PA C.S.A. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Matthew B. Weisberg /s/

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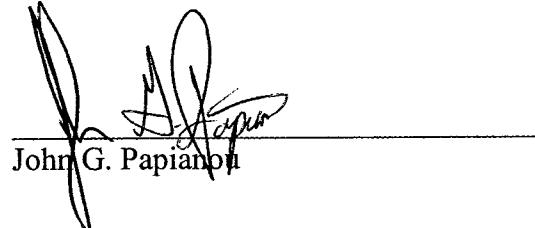
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 12th day of April 2006, a true copy of the foregoing Notice of Removal was sent by facsimile and First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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